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File Code: 1950

Date: May 9, 2013

Interested Party

Dear Interested Party,

The Decision Notice (DN) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Upper Basin project is available for review (or enclosed). Since the Upper Basin Environmental Assessment (December 2012) determined there were no significant impacts, it was not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement. The project consists of vegetation treatments and watershed improvements within a 10,130-acre project area, located on the Palouse Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest.

I have decided to proceed with Alternative 2 that will balance the need for vegetation treatments and watershed improvements within the Upper Elk Creek watershed.

The Upper Basin DN/FONSI is available for review at the Palouse Ranger District and is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. A written appeal must be submitted by June 28, 2013, which will be 45 days following the publication date (May 14, 2013) of the legal notice of this decision in the Lewiston Tribune, Lewiston, Idaho. Further instructions on how to submit an appeal are contained in the Decision Notice.

For further information or copies of the DN/FONSI, contact Susan Shaw, Palouse District Ranger, at the Palouse District Office, 1700 Highway 6, Potlatch, ID 83855, phone 208-875-1131. The EA and DN/FONSI are also available in compact disc format or online at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/projects_list.php?forest=110105.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rick Brazell
RICK BRAZELL
Forest Supervisor

